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## Tree planting to mark World Environment Day today

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In an effort to combat soil erosion, the villagers of Matawalu in Lautoka will be planting more than 100 trees today.

Lautoka based non government organization, FRIEND is organizing tree planting program in vulnerable communities around Lautoka.

Director Sashi Kiran says this is part of World Environment Day which is being commemorated today and a number of communities are participating in tree planting program.

"There are few villages who are working on it and Matawalu village already has a group. For the last few months where they have actually identified the problem of soil erosion in their river. That river often has been flooding after heavy rain and eroded its bank. So led by an elder and they have been working with bags of sand trying to protect the walls of the river and as a contribution to it they will start planting tree from this World Environment Day".

More than 100 trees are expected to be planted today.

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